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(SBU) Post delivered ref A demarche to the National Bank of Romania's (BNR) Director of the Banking Supervision Department, Nicolae Cinteza, on November 18. Cinteza said that BNR is studying the FATF statement and related recommendations post provided on November 6 (refs B and C) and will be consulting with other government agencies on appropriate action. Cinteza further advised that by the end of the year BNR will establish within the Banking Supervision Department a new office dedicated exclusively to terrorism finance issues. He noted that BNR enjoys close cooperation with Romanian intelligence services in monitoring financial flows for possible connections to terrorism. Cinteza said BNR will inform post of any additional measures taken.

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